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The Honorable William Cohen
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Cohen:

I am writing concerning pending action by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) to change the licensing of radio frequencies in the 72MHz band. In their PR Docket 92-235 they seek to add additional mobile phone frequencies between current frequencies used by Radio controlled Airplane hobbyists, such as myself. I urge you to oppose this change in FCC rules.

I have been involved in the hobby of radiocontrolled airplanes for many years. This hobby is enjoyed by thousands of people across the country of all ages.

Last summer we put on an airplane demonstration at the State of Maine Airshow, at Brunswick Naval Airstation.

I recently have been teaching an eighty-one yearold man to fly radio controlled airplanes. This is a hobby

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for young and old alike. We have a large investment in time, money and devotion in our avocation.

All of this is threatened by the FCC plans. Adding additional frequencies between the existing ones will create radio interference with the radio controlled airplanes. This interference could cause an airplane to go out of control, crash, or even hurt someone.

I fear that this is a case of "Big Business" pushing for more frequencies at the expense of the average person.

I thank you for your concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Flanagan

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The Honorable Senator William S. Cohen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Hear Sen. Cohen,

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own eight radios, ten R.C. models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is

precautions involve the careful coordination

the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993
after which it may become more difficult to
avoid halting these proposals from going
into effect.

Sincerely,
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February 3, 1993

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The Honorable William Cohen
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1901

Dear Senator Cohen,

I am a teacher and derive many hours of enjoyment from the hobby of constructing and flying radio controlled model aircraft. I have been interested in aviation for many years and was a pilot for Executive Airlines here in Maine.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of Frequencies assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch. However, our radio control frequencies in the band are far enough apart from land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Not only are these new frequencies very close to ours, they are also designated as "mobile", therefore we would never know where they are operating, including right in the pit area at our fields or on nearby streets or highways. In addition, the technical specifications for the new equipment allows a legal frequency tolerance which could place their signal directly on ours.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate.

When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. In fact the use of the Remote Pilotless Vehicles, used during Desert Storm, owe much of their development to our hobby as they do from commercial firms.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-72 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Robert Constable

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The Honorable William Cohen
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Augusta, Maine

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Dear Mr. Cohen:

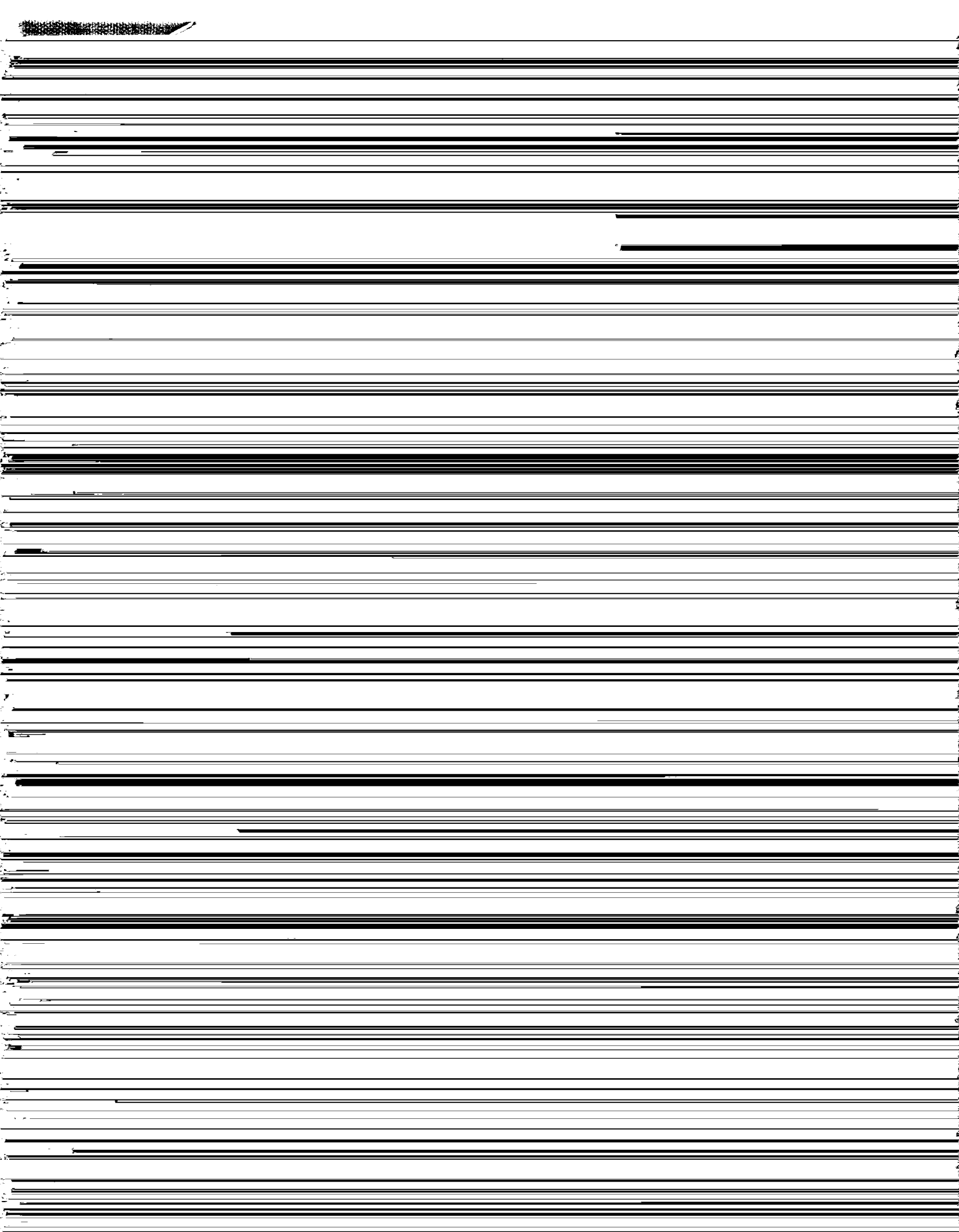
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I am a certified Airline Transport Pilot with over 5000 hours flight time. I enjoy flying very much. I also enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft. I am very active in my local model flying club whose members also enjoy the hobby.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned to model aircraft use. This will also increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies, that we have been able to share the this band without either party interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more mobile land frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band altogether. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will be moved closer to our radio control frequencies. This will no doubt cause interference between the two.



and in the radio equipment we install in them. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself. If you look into the military and the Commercial Aviation industry, you will see that they too use RC models to further the development of their full scale aircraft.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band (PR DOCKET 92-235).

Sincerely

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Feb. 10, 1993

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Honorable Senator William S. Cohen
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Cohen:

Kindly note my firm opposition to the FCC Proposed Rulemaking as proposed in PR Docket 92-235.

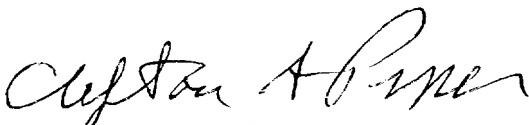
I am in the business of selling and dealing with hobby shop Radio Control Equipment, and also am active in the Radio Controlled Model Aircraft Hobby. I am also properly licensed and insured for over 2 Million dollars against accidents resulting from our hobby, as are most of our participants.

If the cellular phones are allowed to intersperse into our spectrum of the present LEGAL frequencies, it will force over an estimated one half million hobbyists to abandon this enjoyable sport. Also, over 90 percent of my hobby shop business is involved in R/C equipment and associated supplies.

Our models weigh up to 45 pounds, and operate at speeds up to 120 miles per hour. If interfered with by cellular phones, a serious accident and even a death could occur.

PLEASE HELP US ALL TO DEFEAT THIS Proposed FCC PR Docket 92-235.

Very truly yours,



Clifton A. Piper Dedimus Justice, Vassalboro, ME 04989

*Thanks for
Past favors &
considerations
Best Personal regards*

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The Honorable William Cohen
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Cohen

I derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio-controlled models. I also have many friends and radio controlled club members in my area of Maine that feel the same way I do. I personally own 5 radios, 6 radio controlled models and many other products necessary to operate my radio control models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission(F.C.C.). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies in this band currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in **PR Docket 92-235** replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiast. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies used and available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the only 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyist. In fact more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as busin users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of

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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important

